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ARTS & CULTURE

Rockefeller Foundation**Partnerships Affirming Community Transformation**

Program: Partnerships Affirming Community Transformation (PACT) is a program of the Rockefeller Foundation's Creativity & Culture Division (formerly Arts & Humanities). PACT supports community cultural development projects-projects undertaken by artists and other cultural professionals in collaboration with other community members to express identity, concerns and aspirations through the arts and media, building cultural capacity, and contributing to social change. In the 2001 round of PACT, grants will be given to a range of projects in which community artists or teams use their artistic and organizing skills to advance the development of an identified community, be it geographic (e.g., a neighborhood or small town), a community of interest (e.g., shipyard workers, victims of environmental racism), or any other affinity (e.g., Latino teenagers, the elders who use a senior center). A small number of grants will be earmarked for initiatives to help develop the field. Funding requests may cover project periods from twelve months to three years.

Priority will be given to projects in which all four of the following aims are addressed:

1. Projects that speak to social and cultural conditions of the participating communities, and are grounded in the challenges and opportunities facing those communities;
2. Projects that are designed to give all participants substantive, collaborative and reciprocal roles;
3. Projects that are designed to enable all participants to enter fully into shaping each project and setting its aims; and
4. Projects that center on creating artistic experiences of power and meaning.

Deadline: June 15, 2001.

Funds: Grant amounts will range from \$10,000 to \$50,000 per project per year, depending on scope and need.

Eligible: The grant application must be made by a tax-exempt organization which is a partner in the process, and which acts in a fiduciary capacity as the formal grant recipient.

Info: Michelle Hayes, Rockefeller Foundation, 420 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10018-2702, Phone: (212) 852-8487, Link: <http://www.rockfound.org/humanities/ccguidelines.html#pact>

The 2001 National Endowment for the Arts/Theatre Communications Group Vivendi Universal Residency

- Program:** The program, developed by TCG in collaboration with the NEA, is intended to forge new artistic alliances and to continue long-term relationships, benefiting playwrights, host theatres and their communities. Playwright residencies are made possible by major support from the NEA.
- Funds:** Twelve playwrights will be selected to receive \$25,000 each to develop a new work at a host theater, which will receive a \$5,000 Vivendi Universal Residency Award to support the work of the resident playwright.
- Deadline:** March 30, 2001. (Letters of Intent.)
April 16, 2001. (Full proposals.)
- Eligible:** Nonprofit theaters and U.S. citizens or permanent residents who have had a full-length play published or produced, or both, during the past five years. Self-publications and student publications do not qualify.
- Info:** TCG, 355 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10017-0217; Phone: (212) 697-5230; Fax (212) 983-4847; Email: grants@tcg.org; Link: <http://www.tcg.org>

The 2001 National Endowment for the Arts/Theatre Communications Group Extended Collaboration Grants

- Program:** With funding from Metropolitan Life Foundation, TCG offers Extended Collaboration Grants for playwrights to develop works with directors, designers, translators, dramaturgs, actors or composers over an extended period.
- Funds:** Under this program, TCG Constituent theatre artistic leaders may apply for grants of \$5,500 to support transportation and other expenses related to research, meetings and developmental work among the collaborating artists.
- Deadline:** April 2, 2001.
- Eligible:** See above.
- Info:** TCG, 355 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10017-0217; Phone: (212) 697-5230; Fax (212) 983-4847; Email: grants@tcg.org; Link: <http://www.tcg.org>

Business Committee for the Arts and Forbes Magazine Business in the Arts Awards

- Program:** The 2001 Business in the Arts Awards will be presented in the fall of 2001 in New York. Small, medium-sized, and large companies may be recognized for forming outstanding partnerships with arts organizations. Awards are made in three categories: commitment, innovation, and new initiative. In addition, an award for leadership will be presented to one business executive who is the chairman, vice chairman, president, chief executive officer, owner, or principal partner of a company.
- Deadline:** April 27, 2001
- Eligible:** The competition is open to companies with headquarters in the United States or abroad that have formed partnerships with U.S. arts organizations.
- Info:** Karen Beck, BCA, 1775 Broadway, Suite 510, New York, NY 10019-1942, Phone: (212)

664-0600, ext. 15; Fax: (212) 956-5980; Email: kbeck@bcainc.org; Link:
<http://www.bcainc.org>.

National Endowment for the Arts Design Discipline

Graham Fellowship in Federal Service

- Program:** The Graham Fellowship in Federal Service is a one-year post- graduate fellowship in the design disciplines. The fellowship offers an opportunity for young design professionals to participate in conceiving, developing, and implementing new and creative initiatives. The Graham Fellow in Federal Service works closely with the NEA's Director of Design on development and implementation of leadership initiatives, cooperative agreements with other federal agencies, new programs, and general design policy.
- Funds:** The fellowship currently has a stipend of \$40,000.
- Deadline:** April 7, 2001.
- Eligible:** Young design professionals and recent graduates of professional design programs with an interest in innovative design, national design policy, and advocacy. The successful candidate will have strong writing and verbal skills, working familiarity with graphics and data- base software, and a record of excellence in design and/or scholarship
- Info:** Graham Fellowship in Federal Service, National Endowment for the Arts, Design - Room 726 , 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20003; Link: <http://www.nea.gov> or <http://www.grahamfoundation.org>

ENVIRONMENT

Department of Commerce/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Aquatic Nuisance Species Research and Outreach

- Program:** The purpose of this notice is to advise the public that the National Sea Grant College Program (Sea Grant) is entertaining preliminary proposals and subsequently full proposals for innovative research and outreach projects that address the problems of Aquatic Nuisance Species in U.S. coastal waters. Successful projects will be selected through national competitions.
- Funds:** In FY 2001 and 2002, Sea Grant expects to make available about \$2,700,000 per year to support projects to prevent and/or control nonindigenous species invasions in all U.S. marine waters, the Great Lakes, and Lake Champlain; matching funds equivalent to a minimum of 50% of the Federal request must be provided.
- Deadline:** April 4, 2001.
- Eligible:** Individuals; public or private corporations, partnerships, or other associations or entities (including institutions of higher education, institutes, or non-Federal laboratories), or any State, political subdivision of a State, or agency or officer thereof.
- Info:** Leon M. Cammen, Aquatic Nuisance Species Coordinator, National Sea Grant College Program, R/SG, NOAA, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, or Mary Robinson, Secretary, National Sea Grant Office, Phone: 301-713-2435, Fax: 301-713-0799.

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HEALTH

Valeria Langeloth Foundation

Grants for Nonprofits

- Program:** Letters of intent to apply for grants from the Jacob and Valeria Langeloth Foundation for programs designed to improve the delivery and reduce the cost of services to people recovering from accidents, illnesses, or other traumas. The foundation favors programs that demonstrate innovation, reach people who otherwise might not receive good rehabilitative care, and promote new knowledge about convalescence
- Deadline:** September 1, 2001.
- Eligible:** Organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The foundation accepts proposals from health-care providers, academic or research institutions, and community-based organizations. *Grants are awarded primarily in New York State but the foundation will consider programs that might warrant duplication nationwide.*
- Info:** JVLF, 521 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10175-0003; (212) 687-1133; fax (212) 681-2628; Email: info@langeloth.org; Link: <http://www.langeloth.org>

National Institute for Health Care Management Foundation

Health Care Research Awards

- Program:** The awards recognize research that advances health-care delivery and management in two categories: general health care and children's health care. The research submitted must have been published between September 1, 1999, and August 31, 2000, and will be judged on relevance, originality, and the impact of the research on health-care policy or management.
- Funds:** \$5,000.
- Deadline:** September 29, 2001
- Eligible:** Health-care researchers. Authors can be from any field, and may come from higher-education settings, research firms, or policy organizations.
- Info:** NIHCMF, 1225 19th Street, N.W., Suite 710, Washington, D.C. 20036, Phone: (202) 296-4426, Fax: (202) 296-4319, Email: niHCM@nihcm.org, Link: <http://www.nihcm.org>

Center for Health Care Strategies (CHCS)

The Medicaid Managed Care Program

- Program:** The Medicaid Managed Care Program, a \$50-million national initiative of The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, is directed by the Center for Health Care Strategies (CHCS). Through the Medicaid Managed Care Program, CHCS makes grants and awards of up to \$500,000 to health plans, states, consumer groups, and health services researchers. The program's goal is to give the approximately 34 million recipients of Medicaid and SCHIP access to high-quality managed care services. Funding opportunities are particularly focused on the 10 million beneficiaries with chronic illnesses and disabilities. To date, CHCS has awarded more than \$10 million to 120

projects across the country.

The Medicaid Managed Care Program has more than \$17 million in funding available to support organizations involved in initiating, enhancing, or assessing Medicaid and SCHIP managed care programs. Funding is available in the following four areas:

✓ *Model Demonstration Grants*- CHCS funds grants up to \$500,000 to organizations for developing new services delivery and financing models that promise improvements in publicly-funded managed care programs. Organizations must be able to match a model demonstration grants at a minimum of 50 percent with other funds or in-kind contributions. Funding is available for project such as:

- ◆ Integrating traditional health, social, and long-term services for disable populations using managed care approach and involving consumers in the development process
- ◆ Designing risk adjustment or performance-based incentive programs on managed care contracting.
- ◆ Developing joint data collections and quality improvement initiatives involving SCHIP, Medicaid, and other public purchases.

✓ *Health Plan Best Practices Innovations Grants*- Grants of up to \$50,000 are available to Medicare and SCHIP health plans that are developing, testing, or refining “best practices” programs to improve the delivery of managed care in the public sector. Pioneering managed care organizations committed to improving managed care methods in administration or clinical practices for Medicare and SCHIP population are invited to apply for grants.

✓ *Policy Studies*-CHCS provides grants of up to \$100,000 for policy studies that address innovation practices in managed care or provide analyses that are operationally relevant. Policy studies may provides analysis of market trends or analysis of federal, state, and health plan policies or may take form of guides on how-to manuals documenting best practices in management and operations Medicaid and SCHIP managed care.

✓ *Technical Assistance*-CHCS funds technical assistance projects of up to \$25,000 to help organizations address operational issues. Technical assistance can take the form of strategic assessment planning, workshop facilitation, or other projects that serve state or national interests. These activities are:

- ◆ One-one consultations on topics such as risk adjustments, rate setting, primary care case management programs, data collection, and public/private partnerships.
- ◆ Regional training sessions on developing quality management and improvement systems.
- ◆ Focus analysis, research, and consultation on best practices in Medicaid managed care.
- ◆ Assessment of states’ readiness to implement Medicaid managed care.

Funds: See above.

Eligible: Health plans and other at risk-bearing organizations; state purchasers of publicly financed health care; consumer, family, and community based organizations, health researchers and consultants;

and other entities directly involved in the design, implementation and monitoring of Medicare and SCHIP managed care.

Info: The Center for Health Care Strategies, 1009 Lenox Drive, Suite 204, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648, Phone: (609) 895-8101, Fax: (609) 895-9648, Email: mail@chcs.org, Link: <http://www.chcs.org>

**Department of Health and Human Services/Health Resources and Services Administration
Poison Control Stabilization and Enhancement Grant Program**

Program: Grants will be funded to enhance and improve poison education, prevention and treatment services. Grants will be made in the following categories: financial stabilization grants to certified PCCs across the Nation; certification grants to non-certified PCCs; incentive grants to encourage collaboration; and system development and service access grants for rural and geographically isolated areas to allow time to obtain certified poison control services. All awards will be made under the program authority of the Poison Center Enhancement and Awareness Act.

Funds: Up to \$15 million in fiscal year (FY) 2001 funds is anticipated for up to 80 grants.

- ✗ Stabilization grant awards will range from approximately \$60,000 to \$1,600,000 annually, depending on the size of the population served, and will be awarded for up to three years.
- ✗ Certification grants, also population based, will range from \$50,000 to \$200,000 annually and will be awarded for up to three years.
- ✗ Incentive grants will be awarded at \$125,000 annually for up to two years.
- ✗ Service Access grant awards will be \$50,000 for one year only.

Deadline: May 8, 2001.

Eligible: Certified Poison Control Centers (PCCs). Centers must be certified by the American Association of Poison Control Centers or a State with equivalent standards, as determined by the Secretary.

Info: To receive a complete application kit, applicants may telephone the HRSA Grants Application Center at 1-877-477-2123 after March 12, 2001 or register on-line at:
<http://www.hrsa.dhhs.gov>.

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**Department of Health and Human Services/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
Administration**

State Incentive Cooperative Agreements for Community- Based Action

Program: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) announces the availability of Fiscal year 2001 funds for cooperative agreements for implementing State Incentive Grant (SIG) Programs. This program calls for governors to develop and implement a comprehensive statewide substance abuse prevention strategy to optimize the use of all State and Federal substance abuse prevention funding streams and resources including: the 20 percent primary prevention set-aside from the SAPT Block Grant, the funds from this SIG program, and the additional financial support from Federal agencies, States, and communities. The SIG program has the following three goals: (1) coordination of funding; (2) development of a comprehensive prevention State system; and (3) assistance to States in measuring progress in reducing substance use by establishing targets for

measure included in the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse.

Funds: Approximately \$28 million will be available for 8-12 awards. The average award will be approximately \$3 million per year in total costs (direct and indirect), with awards ranging from \$2 million to \$5 million.

Deadline: April 18, 2001.

Eligible: Offices of the Governor for states and territories that currently receive the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block grant may apply.

Info: Dave Robbins or Patricia Getty, Division of State and Community Systems Development, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Rockwall II, Suite 930, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, (301) 443-0369, Email [drobbins@samhsa.gov](mailto:d Robbins@samhsa.gov) or Pgetty@samhsa.gov, Link: http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2001_register&docid=01-5613-filed

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Department of Health and Human Services /Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Grants for Statewide Consumer Networks.

Program: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) announces the availability of Fiscal Year 2001 funds for implementing Grants for Statewide Consumer Networks. These will support State level consumer networks-organizations to manage a set of activities that will assist consumers to participate in the development of policies, programs, and quality assurance activities related to mental health. The program goals are the following: (1) foster leadership and management skills; (2) engage consumers; (3) strengthen organizational relationships; and (4) identify and implement technical assistance needs.

Funds: Approximately \$1,500,000 will be available for approximately 25 awards. Individual awards should be no more than \$60,000 in total cost (direct and indirect). Actual funding levels will depend upon the availability of funds.

Deadline: May 4, 2001.

Eligible: Nonprofit entities that meet all of the following requirements are eligible to apply: Controlled and managed by mental health consumers; dedicated to the improvement of mental health services statewide; in existence as an operating organization for more than one year at the time of the receipt date for this GFA; and have a board of directors comprised of more than 50% consumers

Info: Risa Fox, Community Support Programs Branch, Division of Knowledge Development and Systems Change, Center for Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 11C-22, Rockville, MD 20857, Phone: (301) 443-3653, Email: rfox@samhsa.gov, Link: http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2001_register&docid=01-5614-filed

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HIV/AIDS

The United States Conference of Mayors (USCM)

USCM HIV Prevention Grants

- Program:** The purpose of this grant program is to strengthen local capacities to carry out effective HIV/AIDS prevention activities. Proposals will be accepted for two tracks: (1) implementation of HIV/AIDS prevention services targeting Native Americans and (2) implementation for HIV/AIDS prevention services targeting gay/bisexual men of color.
- Deadline:** April 23, 2001.
- Funds:** \$420,000. (Total funds available).
\$50,000-\$66,000. (Range of grant awards.)
- Eligible:** Local health departments, non-profits, and Native American tribes/nations.
- Info:** <http://www.usmayors.org/uscm/home.asp>

HOUSING & SHELTER

Massachusetts Department of Social Services

Transitional Living Program for Former DSS Foster Care Youth

- Program:** The Department of Social Services, utilizing Chafee Foster Care Independence Program funds, is seeking to enhance its array of transitional living services by providing supportive housing opportunities for young adults ages 18 - 21 who aged out of the Department's custody without returning home or being adopted. The Department is seeking qualified human service organizations to provide housing and comprehensive transitional living services designed to meet the array of needs presented by young adults who require some support services in order to live independently.
- Deadline:** April 6, 2001.
- Funds:** \$250,000
- Eligible:** See RFP.
- Info:** Maureen Fallon-Messeder , Asst Director Adolescent Srvs Address: 24 Farnsworth Street
Boston, MA 02210 Phone: 617 748-2231 Fax: 617 261-7658 Email:
maureen.fallon@state.ma.us, Link: http://www.comm-pass.com/Comm-PASS/Scripts/xdoc_view.idc?doc_id=010503&dept_code=&cp_xx=
A bidders conference will be held on March 14 at 11:00am at the Department of Social Services, 24 Farnsworth Street, Boston, MA 02210.

JUSTICE

Massachusetts Department of Correction

Pre-Release for Expecting/Substance Abusing Females

Program: The Massachusetts Department of Correction seeks responses for a 15 bed contract pre-release treatment program for substance abusing pregnant female inmates or substance abusing parenting female inmates. Female offenders that fit the above definition from other criminal justice agencies could be placed upon approval after review by the Department of Correction. The minimum length of time that an offender shall be in the program shall be four (4) months. The selected contractor shall provide a residential pre-release substance abuse treatment program that offers female offenders pre and post natal medical services and early intervention services to their infants on site. The selected contractor shall also provide a number of other ancillary programs including but not limited to education, anger management, parenting skills, substance abuse programming, job development and discharge planning. The selected contractor shall develop a case management model for each female offender supported by written documentation describing the individual's progress in all program services and responsibilities while residing in the center.

Deadline: April 13, 2001.

Funds: TBD.

Eligible: See RFP.

Info: Darcy C. Bens , Contract Manager, 50 Maple Street-Suite 3, Milford, MA 01757, Phone: 508-422-3314, Fax: 508-422-3383, Email: dcbens@doc.state.ma.us, Link: http://www.comm-pass.com/Comm-PASS/Scripts/xdoc_view.idc?doc_id=010324&dept_code=&cp_xx=
A bidders conference will be held on March 22, 2001 at 1:30pm at Central Headquarters in Milford, MA.

Massachusetts Department of Correction

Pre-Release for Female Offenders

Program: The Massachusetts Department of Correction seeks responses for a fifteen (15) bed contract pre-release center for female inmates. The selected contractor will be responsible for assisting inmates in securing meaningful full-time employment and/or appropriate educational programming. The contractor shall assist inmates in ancillary program services (i.e. substance abuse, mental health, anger management and/or family counseling) to enhance employability and/or training. The pre-release center must be accessible to public transportation. The selected contractor shall develop a case management model for each inmate supported by written documentation describing the individual's progress and/or lack of progress in all program services and responsibilities while residing in the center.

Deadline: April 13, 2001.

Funds: TBD.

Eligible: See RFP.

Info: Darcy C. Bens , Contract Manager, 50 Maple Street-Suite 3, Milford, MA 01757, Phone: 508-422-3314, Fax: 508-422-3383, Email: dcbens@doc.state.ma.us, Link: http://www.comm-pass.com/Comm-PASS/Scripts/xdoc_view.idc?doc_id=010325&dept_code=&cp_xx=
A bidders conference will be held on March 22, 2001 at 10:00am at Central Headquarters in Milford, MA.

MISCELLANEOUS

Chips Quinn Scholars Program

Training Opportunities

Program: The Chips Quinn Scholars program offers students of color hands-on training in journalism and mentoring by caring news veterans. The program's aim is to provide special support and encouragement that will open doors to news careers and bring greater diversity to U.S. newsrooms.

Nominees are matched with participating daily newspapers across the country for 10- or 12-week internships. In preparation for their internship experiences, they also will participate in a five-day orientation.

For complete program guidelines, visit the Freedom Forum Web site.

Funds: Sponsored by the Freedom Forum, the year-round program provides training, internships, and \$1,000 scholarships to college students of color who are pursuing careers in print journalism.

Deadline: April 6, 2001. (Fall program.)

October 31, 2001. (Spring and Summer programs.)

Eligible: Nominees must be majoring or minoring in journalism or have firmly demonstrated an interest in journalism as a career. College juniors, seniors, or recent graduates with majors or career goals in journalism are eligible to be nominated by their schools, by newspaper editors, or by direct application with supporting letters of endorsement.

Info: Karen Catone, Director, Chips Quinn Scholars Program, The Freedom Forum
1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22209, Phone: (703) 284-2863, Fax: (703) 284-3543
Email: chipsquinnscholars@freedomforum.org, Link:
<http://www.freedomforum.org/templates/document.asp?documentID=13121>

Department of Agriculture

Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program, Fiscal Year 2001

Program: The purpose of the Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program (CFPCGP) is to support the development of Community Food Projects with a one-time infusion of Federal dollars to make such projects self-sustaining. Community Food Projects should be designed to: (1) Meet the food needs of low-income people; (2) increase the self-reliance of communities in providing for their own food needs; and (3) promote comprehensive responses to local food, farm, and nutrition issues.

Funds: No grant shall exceed \$100,000 in any single year or more than \$250,000 over three years.

Deadline: May 18, 2001.

Eligible: Private, nonprofit entities.
Info: Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program, c/o Proposal Services Unit,
Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture,
STOP 2245, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-2245.
Link: http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2001_register&docid=01-5592-filed
FR: 3/8 14047-14056

EVENTS

Massachusetts Service Alliance

Helper's High: The Role of CSL In Out-Of-School Time Programs For Adolescents And Young Adults

Program: Explore how practices of youth development can be used to shape successful community service-learning programs in out-of-school time. CSL is a great tool for building a healthy community within your youth program while also having a positive impact on the wider community. Topics to be covered include: principles of CSL, community and youth assets that support planning and implementing a CSL program, types of service-learning projects, steps to follow to plan a successful project, supporting youth-directed projects, understanding community assets and needs, and reflection and assessment of CSL. The trainer will be Jennifer Seydel, Director S.A.G.E. Project, Springfield College.

Cost: \$25 - includes continental breakfast
Date: Friday, March 16, 2001.
Time: 9:00 a.m. – noon.
Location: Springfield College, Springfield.
Info: For more information, please contact Naomi Weiner at 617-542-2544 ext. 218 or nweiner@msalliance.org, Link: <http://www.msalliance.org/>

Massachusetts Service Alliance

Resolving Conflict In Your Youth Service Program - Conflict Resolution For Middle And High School Aged Youth

Program: Learn and practice skills for helping people de-escalate conflict, improve their communication and listening skills, and relate effectively to people different from themselves. This workshop will help staff members refine their own conflict resolution skills, and also explore ways to teach the techniques to young people. Training provided by Sharon Tracy, Director Quabbin Mediation.

Cost: \$25 - includes continental breakfast.
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2001.
Time: 9:00 a.m. – noon.
Location: Hampshire Educational Collaborative, Northampton.

Info: For more information, please contact Naomi Weiner at 617-542-2544 ext. 218 or nweiner@msalliance.org, Link: <http://www.msalliance.org/>

Massachusetts Service Alliance

Serving For Social Justice

Program: Learn how community service -learning works as a strategy to foster social justice and multicultural understanding, both in your community and with the youth your organization serves. We will look at how the structure of a CSL program - including needs assessment, project planning and implementation, reflection and evaluation - can help young people identify social problems, explore alternatives, and contribute to solutions. Deborah Leta Habib, ed.D., CSL consultant and founder and co-director of the SOL (Seeds of Leadership) Garden CSL project for teens, will be the trainer.

Cost: \$25 - includes a copy of Dr. Habib's recent publication (Schools Serving for Social Justice)

Date: Wednesday, April 25, 2001.

Time: 9:00 a.m. – noon.

Location: Mt. Wachusett Community College, Gardner.

Info: For more information, please contact Naomi Weiner at 617-542-2544 ext. 218 or nweiner@msalliance.org, Link: <http://www.msalliance.org/>

Massachusetts Service Alliance

Writing Outcome-Focused Objectives

Program: This workshop will focus on developing outcome-focused program objectives using a five-step model developed for National Service programs. Learn to identify your program's major activities, specify desired results, develop measures and related standards of success, and state who will benefit. We will also discuss pro's and con's of outcome-based evaluation, and review next steps for developing an evaluation plan. Naomi Weiner, Director of Training & Technical Assistance, and Kristin McSwain, Senior Program Officer, both for the Massachusetts Service Alliance, will be the trainers.

Cost: \$15 - includes continental breakfast.

Date: Thursday, April 26, 2001.

Time: 9:00 a.m. – noon.

Location: Holyoke Community College, Holyoke.

Info: For more information, please contact Naomi Weiner at 617-542-2544 ext. 218 or nweiner@msalliance.org, Link: <http://www.msalliance.org/>

NOTICES

Department of Health and Human Services /Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Notice of funding availability, revision of program announcement and notice of special racial and ethnic minority initiative.

Program: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) in cooperation with the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) and the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention announce a technical revision to the Community Action Grant Program Announcement. This revision corrects typographical errors and includes information on the availability of Fiscal Year 2001 funds for these grants. In addition, an addendum is announced for a Racial and Ethnic Minority Priority Initiative. This addendum announces the availability of funds to support the adoption and implementation of exemplary practices related to the delivery and organization of services to racial and ethnic minority persons with serious emotional and substance abuse problems. Racial and ethnic minorities are African American, Asian American/Pacific Islander, Hispanic American, and American Indians/Alaskan natives adults and adolescents who are mentally ill and/or "at risk" for alcohol and illicit drug problems or are seriously chemically dependent.

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